

Air Resources Board

Gray Davis Governor

Alan C. Lloyd, Ph.D. Chairman

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Public Workshop to Discuss the AB 2588 Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Program 2001-2002 Fee Regulation

The staff of the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will be holding a public workshop to discuss proposed amendments to the Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Fee Regulation (Fee Regulation) for fiscal year 2001-2002. The Fee Regulation recovers the costs of State and local agencies to implement the AB 2588 requirements. A staff report describing proposed amendments is being released to the public on September 7, 2001, and will be considered by the Board at their October 25/26, 2001 meeting. A copy of the hearing notice and the staff report will be placed on the ARB's website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/hotspots/01-02/01-02.htm on September 7, 2001.

The workshop will be held at the following time and location:

Monday, September 24, 2001 10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

Training Room West #1
Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, California

The amendments to the Fee Regulation for fiscal year 2001-2002 will update the fees to reflect current facility data. ARB staff is proposing to continue to base the Fee Regulation on the same method as used in fiscal year 2000-2001, and to keep the State fee amounts in each fee category at the same levels as last year. This will be the fifth year in a row that there have been no changes to the method of allocating State costs for districts.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website:

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The staff is also proposing amendments to streamline the process for administering the "Hot Spots" Fee Program in future years. These proposals will amend the regulation to eliminate the requirement for the Board to revisit this Fee Regulation on an annual basis. They will also revise the way in which air pollution control and air quality management districts (districts) that have not adopted a local fee regulation may recover their district program costs. These revisions will provide ARB staff with more flexibility in administering the program and provide districts with more time to collect and update the facility data used in the fees. While these amendments will change some of the procedures and dates for administrating the Program, they will have no effect on calculating the State fees.

Persons with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Stephanie Hernandez at (916) 323-4916. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device: (916) 324-9531 or 1-(800) 700-8326.

If you have any questions regarding the "Hot Spots" 2001-2002 Fee Regulation or the Workshop, please call Dale Shimp at (916) 324-7156.

Sincerely,

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